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57/299. Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on the human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) and the fulfilment of the targets set therein are integrally linked to the attainment of the development goals set out in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[1]

Recalling its resolution S-26/2 of 27 June 2001, entitled "Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS", in which it decided to devote sufficient time and at least one full day of the annual session of the General Assembly to review and debate a report of the Secretary-General,

Recognizing that 2003 represents the first year that the time-bound commitments set out in the Declaration of Commitment are due to be met, and that the other targets are to be met by 2005 and 2010,

Taking into account the critical role of civil society at all levels in the response to HIV/AIDS, in particular people living with HIV/AIDS,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General on progress towards the implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS,[2] including the recommendations contained therein;

2. *Decides* to convene a day of high-level plenary meetings devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of its twenty-sixth special session and the implementation of the Declaration of Commitment, to be held immediately following the general debate at its fifty-eighth session on a date to be decided by the General Assembly during its fifty-seventh session;

3. *Decides also* that statements in the debate in the plenary meetings should not exceed five minutes each;

[1] See resolution 55/2.

[2] A/57/227 and Corr.1.

4. *Decides further* that an informal interactive panel discussion will be held in parallel with the afternoon plenary meeting and that it will have as its theme "Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS: from policy to practice - progress achieved, lessons learned and best practices"; the Chairman of the informal panel will orally present a summary of the discussions in the informal panel to the General Assembly at the end of the debate in plenary meeting;

5. *Decides* that, in addition to Member States, observers, representatives of the entities of the United Nations system, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and non-governmental members of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, an invitation to the informal interactive panel discussion will be extended to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and not more than fifteen civil society representatives of international, national or community organizations, including those representing and working for people living with HIV/AIDS, and the private sector, including pharmaceutical companies, and requests the President of the General Assembly, following appropriate consultations with Member States, to draw up the list of those civil society representatives, on the basis of the recommendations of the Joint Programme and taking into account the principle of geographical representation, and to submit the list to Member States for consideration on a no-objection basis for a final decision by the Assembly on participation;

6. *Invites* the President of the General Assembly to finalize any outstanding organizational matters in consultation with the Member States;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive and analytical report on progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the Declaration of Commitment, with a view to identifying problems and constraints and making recommendations on action needed to make further progress, for consideration by the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session, and in this context underlines the importance of the continuing refinement of the core indicators developed by the Joint Programme and approved by its Programme Coordinating Board;

8. *Decides* that the arrangements outlined in paragraph 5 above shall in no way create a precedent for other similar events;

9. *Decides also* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS".

79th plenary meeting
20 December 2002